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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on November 17, 1999, please enter the following amendments and remarks. It is believed that the amendments do not present new issues or require an additional search. Their entry is respectfully requested and would be much appreciated. The amended claims and comments place the application in condition for allowance, or alternatively, in better form for consideration on appeal.

In the Specification

Please amend the specification as follows:

At page 2, line 5, please insert --. -- after "reliability".

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